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Request:

This is a freedom of information request asking for the following information:

In your last financial year, how much in total was spent by your local authority on:

- Training taxi drivers and passenger assistants (or variation on wording of transport professionals) to transport children to and from school.
- Training taxi drivers and passenger assistants (or variation on wording of transport professionals) to transport children with special educational needs, additional needs and disabilities to and from school.
- Employees involved in providing or co-ordinating training for transport professionals.

In your last financial year, how much in total was budgeted by your local authority on:

- Training transport professionals who transport children with Special Educational Needs
- Training offered in support of transporting children to and from school provided by you.

Response:

North Tyneside Council does not fund training for taxi drivers or passenger assistants. Whilst we ensure training is a requirement of the transport contract, the training required is paid for by the taxi companies. We do not have any employees who are specifically involved in providing training for transport professionals.